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Patrick Richard Ashley, 43, of Stevensville passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Saron Lutheran Church, 510 Main St., St. Joseph, with the Rev. Joan Oleson officiating. Burial will be in Crystal Springs Cemetery after the service. Friends may visit with the family from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2014, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pat Ashley Memorial Fund. Those wishing to share a memory of Patrick online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Patrick was born Jan. 29, 1971, in Lansing, Mich., to Jeffery Ashley and Lyn (Smith) Earwood. He graduated from Alpena High School and continued his education by earning his bachelor's degree from Olivet College, where he was a member of Phi Alpha Pi fraternity. Patrick married the love of his life, Cami Hettig, on June 17, 1995, in Benton Harbor, and together they had three handsome boys: Connor, Colin and Aiden. Patrick worked at Whirlpool Corp. as a support business coach, but what he was known for the most was his passion for coaching football. Coaching was his life. He coached everything from rocket football to JV football at Lakeshore High School. Patrick was always in great physical condition. If he wasn't out on the field coaching his teams, you could find him in the gym working out. He enjoyed nature and was an avid student of history.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Cami; children: Connor, Colin and Aiden; parents, Jeffery Ashley and Lyn (Smith) Earwood; brother, Ian (Brenda) Ashley; father- and mother-in-law, Mike and Sandi Hettig; uncle, Richard (Sharon) Smith; aunt, Nancy (Dan) Dennis; and many friends, proud football players and the entire Lancer Nation.